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" Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice."—*Othello.*

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" The Play's the thing."—Ask for *Thomas's Observer.*

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.

THE English version of *Il Matrimonio Segreto,* will be performed at this Theatre for the second time to-night.

Shakspeare's *Tempest* is to be brought out here on Wednesday night, on a scale of great splendour. The first act is to be played on ship boad, a *desideratum* which has long been felt by play-goers, who pine for these accessories to dramatic representation.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THIS Evening, *Single Life, Grandfather Whitehead, Match Her Who Can,* and *The Irish Lion.* On Thursday next, will be produced, for the first time at this Theatre, partly re-written by Mr. Buckstone, a Musical Drama, in two acts, called *My Old Woman; or, Love and Wrinkles.*

Sacred Harmonic Society.—An important and interesting event in the annals of harmony was chronicled last evening at Exeter Hall, in presence of as numerous an audience as ever were packed within the spacious dimensions of Exeter Hall. This splendid musical festival was given by the Sacred Harmonic Society in celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Handel's Oratorio, *Samson,* which has now passed the trying test of a century's experience, and retains the brightness of its fame undimmed by the splendour of any succeeding effort of musical genius. As a matter of course that sublime composition was selected by the society for the evening's performance, and it was again listened to with undiminished admiration by the audience. The solo performers consisted of Hobbs, Leffler, Phillips, Miss Dolby, and Miss Birch; whilst the orchestra and chorus singers included, as we were informed, 500 persons. After the overture Hobbs warbled forth, "This day a solemn fast," with much sweetness and expression; but his voice was not of sufficient calibré to do full justice to the part which had been assigned to him. His recitative, "O loss of sight," followed by the "Total eclipse," procured for him, however, loud applause. Miss Dolby also elicited several expressions of admiration during the evening, especially her, "Return, O God of Hosts," and "To dust his glory," the former of which would have been assuredly encored had not the opening of the chorus prevented the audience from giving a full expression to their admiration. We must not omit to congratulate Miss Birch on her success in the duet with Hobbs, "Traitor to love," and her concluding triumph in "Let the bright seraphim," in which she was also much applauded. Mr Phillips performed his part with great credit to himself, but as he had nothing to sing in the two first parts, a portion of the audience were deprived of the pleasure of hearing him.

Purcell, the musician, died on the 21st of November, 1695, in the 37th year of his age. It is said that his untimely death was occasioned by his having been kept standing one cold night at his own door, for a considerable time, in consequence of his wife's displeasure at his hav-

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

This Evening, Sheridan's Opera of

THE DUENNA.

Don Jerome..Mr W. BENNETT.
Antonio, Mr J. REEVE, Don Ferdinand, Mr ALLEN,
Don Carlos, Madame VESTRIS.
Isaac Mendoza..... Mr KEELEY,
Father Paul, Mr H. PHILLIPS,
Father Francis ..... Mr MELLON,
Father Augustine, Mr S. JONES,
Lopez, Mr YARNOLD, Lorenzo, Mr CARLE,
Lay Brother, Mr M. BARNETT,
Sancho..Mr C. J. SMITH, Lewis..Mr HOWELL,
Donna Louisa..Miss P. HORTON,
Donna Clara ..... Miss ROMER,
The Duenna..Mrs C. JONES,
Louisa's Maid ..... Miss GOWARD,
Clara's Maid..Miss FOSTER,

After which, (4th Time) a New Farce, called The

ETON BOY.

Colonel Curray..Mr W. BENNETT,
Captain Popham ..... Mr C. MATHEWS,
Mr Dabster, Mr KEELEY,
Fanny ..... Mrs STIRLING,
Sally, (her Servant,) Mrs SELBY.

To conclude with, the Farce ef

The Attic Story.

Captain Carbine, Mr SELBY,
Mr Carney..... Mr W. BENNETT.
Mr Gabriel Poddy, Mr KEELEY,
Jack Sloper, Mr HUDSON, Tim, Mr YARNOLD,
Mrs Anna Maria Carbine, Mrs SELBY,
Mrs Arabella Matilda Carney..... Mrs C. JONES
Mrs Poddy, Mrs KEELEY.

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